

Sunday afternoon
at Ellas.

Dear Eun and Bryant -

Your letter that I got yesterday
was a good big fat one. If you are not satisfied
with one letter a week I will write more to you ^{trust}
You said we got two or three a week but I don't think
they come because I think I answer every one of
yours. I feel as if I had not written to you often
enough lately so I will try and do better.

Mother went to Durham with Sue on Thursday
they went on the train as far as Chatsworth and
Uncle was to meet them there - We have not
heard whether they went Thursday or Friday
but both Sue & Mother have friends in Chatsworth
It seems queer but every winter when Mother
goes away we have our worst storm of the
season - It is dreadfully cold today
10° below zero this morning maybe more now
Joe had one ear frozen going to Church
this morning but the boys rubbed it with -

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snow and got it all right before he came in but
it will hurt him some.

I was at Kate Allen's for tea last night -
and

Monday morning

and at Mrs M^cCracken's for dinner yesterday
& Ella's for tea. I intended to post this last night but
he said he would go down before this afternoon mail
so I kept it to write some more - I sent your letter
to Mother ^{your piece to me I did not send.} also Bryant's and one I got from Irene
for her. I wish you could see Irene's letter maybe I
will send it to you later on - The writing and spelling
and composition are splendid for a child only
nine years old. She says she has been on the Honor
Roll ever since she started to school. Minnie
wrote a bright letter about herself and children -
She was out to church when the baby was only
a little over three weeks old. Sam weighed the baby
when he was three weeks old and he weighed twelve
pounds. Minnie says he is the best baby she ever
had - so fat with such bright eyes & a big curl on
the top of his head - She said Sam got a paper

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from Mr. Kaff the other day - she wanted to know what you called your baby - "surely you had a name for it first thing" she said.

I took Irene's letter to read to Mrs. M. Cracken as she asked me to. While I was there Mr. M. Cracken had a weak spell with a pain around his heart - he has not been very well all winter.

I had such a nice letter from Rosie Thomas last week - she says there are nearly worked to death and that they are compelled to study on Sunday to keep up with the work. She started my letter with "Dear Victory I like that name, it sounds so strong and means so much" so do I like it better than Victoria or Tickey or Vic. so I think I will get you folks to start and call me that - Victory - too. Don't you think it is nice?

Ellis party was a success - there was about thirty two there - and some of the books represented were very clever and ridiculous - I wore my pink silk waist and to represent my book "Old Mortality" by Sir Walter Scott I had that little dead snake, you caught and put in that bottle, with skull & cross bones

pasted on the bottle I tied ⁺ baby ribbon around the neck &
pinned it on with my dagger pin - Only two or three
guessed mine but a lot told me they thought it was
a clever one. Miss Hicks soared over us with "Locke
on the ~~human~~ Understanding" - a doll's foot with a
little lock tied to it. Harney Baumerman had a lot
of seeds. apple, bean & string together and I was the
first to guess his - only one other guessed it I think -
"Genesis". Joe was going to have a fish worm for
"Son of the Soil" but after digging a hole in the snow
& then digging until he found one - it died when he
brought it in the house so he went down ^{to try} to try and
find some picture of a boy sent ^{to} represent
"Sunrise" but he could only find a man kicked
into the air by a donkey. so I suggested "Accent of Man"
They could not guess it. but thought it was a good one
as a Mr Kay, a student. Had a picture of a dude
to represent - Fenimore Cooper's "Deerlayer" - That
was good I thought and Ida Millers - "Charge of the
Light Brigade by Tennyson" A bill from a gas company
amounting to 600 and signed by ^{Tennyson} I & the picture of a little boy
Miss Gifford had a quotation from the Bible pinned on
her sleeve. "I, Noah, built an ark of gopher wood &" for
"The Ancient Mariner"

Mr. Bauman had an American rickie with us off
beside it and another rickie with a tree beside it.
Nicholas Nickleby by Dickens. Minnie Frost had "Old
Curiosity Shop." Two "A Pair of Blue Eyes." Two
"Oliver Twist." Two "The Two." Pickwick Papers.
"The Lamplighter." "Odd or Even" & the rest were too
easy. Dr. Gray got the prize - 30 she guessed but
she belonged to a joint stock association and did not
deserve it. I guessed twenty nine but two or three
I would not have guessed if it had not been for
hints. Keep this letter and maybe some day if
you are going to have a library you
can get some ideas. Some of those I told you
about at Wand's are good too.

It is dreadfully cold today.

Baby Raff is enough to call the little one until
when she is christened so we need not decide what
we are going to call her until then.

No we were extra nice to Mrs. Wolfe and did not say
anything to her about Kate. But she said to me
that Rob. had told and she said Rob & Cumie
both felt very angry about it.

No it was not. Mrs Cavanaugh that lived in Durham.
She was well pleased with the teeth. Dr Cavanaugh
made her.

Ulla got some onions and made some onion
symp ~~for~~ the Baby's cold just as soon as I told
her what you said - She is going to follow the
rest of the directions too -

Dr Briggs preached at our church yesterday
and I enjoyed the services very much.

I am sorry from what Bryant said that that
mill is not going to be a success. I liked to hear
what he said about "our Lady" also and that
he is getting to be able to ^{take} care of her too.

I will write you two letters a week but I do not
want you to bring me home anything for pay. I
am too much in your debt already.

Mr Brown is a good old-fashioned preacher
and Mrs Brown is a very friendly lady. One thing
Mother likes her for is that she always turns around
to speak to us after service - Mrs Hicks generally
for got. to do it.

For got. I do it. I laughed over that old maid's answer to you. She would be worth two of the one like that. one in

"Love affairs & old maid".

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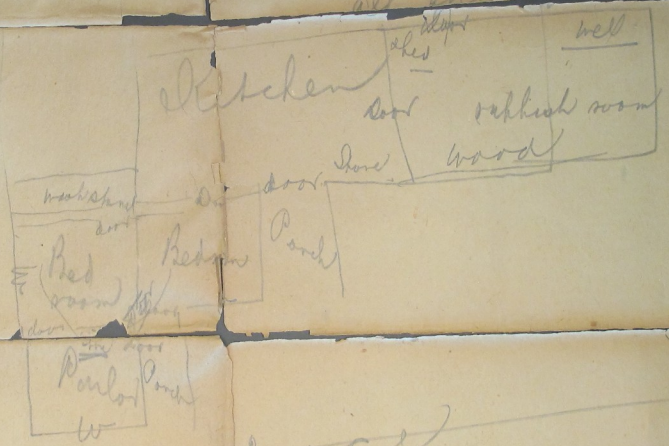
Dear Lew

I am sorry that the baby is
so restless & I hope she will be all
right soon. I was wondering whether
you had heard from my brother yet -
I guess not tho - I am all alone in
the office at night this pretty line some
but then it will only be for a short
time now. I am anxiously waiting
for you to get here & I do hope that you
will be all right for I want to take the
risk with you or the baby - You are
all I love. Emily & I don't afford any

chance so don't come
good & strong - I am glad
you are an idea of the
as a drawing is concerned
are house for this house
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Kitchen paper
board & cement

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parlor stone this is

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Your statement shows that you will
pay Pickell Sr. Lonly and him \$20. and
I guess you have discovered & before this -
I don't want you & here has already been
you don't know what will happen. I will
send you 10.00.10. today. And have sent
you the 2 weeks ago. but the bank of the
matter - we are overdrawn at the bank
about a dollar - we expect 4000. & have
the Johnsons has just gone up to the bank
& make arrangements to pay off the men
in case it don't come -
We have a horse burner at the

and that I will put it up next week
Johnson is going to the mines when I will have
the whole week & the night up - I will get the
hard coal as it will not come as so much
trouble will last a 2nd month a ton -
The Printer here told me that there was did
him all winter last year & it saves so much
time in looking after the fire & don't
make near the dirt that a soft coal fire
does not need the gas - I come near
suffocating last night. One of the
doors came open & the gas escaped
& woke me. That & open the front
door & left it open half the night -
I am sleeping better than past two

mights & am thankful for it - for I
needed it - Oh the baby will surely be
a month old when you make your trip -
look at Lizzie by - I wish sometimes
that I had not written this letter
I expected on your staying there for
three weeks longer - but you must finish
your own abundant health & I hope
that you are not overestimating it -
be guided largely by what Dr. says
as she will give you good counsel -
I am from Burma has been &

Dr. S. has to take the fact into account
and hopes that nice weather will soon
set in & when we come out - that the
train will be on time - he will give
the baby some papain that day in
order to keep it quiet - One along the
cars are usually nice & warm & you
will bring a little lunch with us -- You
will be here for at least a week
with you - we will have some together
see that it will bring forth - I wrote
Charles twice but he won't answer
any of my letters - I wish he would -
I don't know about a

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with the exception of a few showers
cold at night & in the mornings. There
is no frost & frost - we have about 4
inches of snow on the ground & this
doesn't interfere with us in any great
extent. I hope you are enjoying your
winter.

in not thinking yourself in the way
of eating - Get the best of everything
while we are down a little now - it won't
last forever & it will yet be our
Wife's & our garden in Angl. - I must
take a turn for the better now or later.

I hope to join you again about
meeting you at the V. & he says all
right whenever you are ready to go
ahead - I hope dear old that you
feel better today - I am anxious to
see how you look again & to see the
dear baby & see whether it is im-
proved still. I hope it won't be.

The cork store is a wooden one
if you think that will do - why all
right. I wanted to ~~say~~ ^{say} you that
it is all taken again - you are
not used to it - I promise

a new one yesterday & being
all 17⁰⁰ up - If you can do
better or you think that with the
base horses who worked each other
you can get along - why we won't
bother You might do this - pick
one out at the second hand

shall I tell them you will let them have
as soon as you get to Robin & see what
they have - it is your lookout to do
what you will about it.

~~Don't get the money from the bank~~
I don't I don't a clean white

Now good bye dear

Write when you can

Your Lovingly Bryant

Love to our baby

I didn't get my check so I can't
send you any money - I moved
this morning & have the base horses up in
the pasture. If you want some more

that I will
send it about Sunday
take the best here too - but I will send

Bygone



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